

Boston Encampment.
Records.

1802 March 12th To March 15 1806

On Friday evening March 12th 1802, the following
Knights of the Red Cross met at Masons Hall
in Boston & agreed to form themselves, into a re-
gular Encampment. Viz:

S^r Henry Fowle
Samuel Billings
Elisha Sigourney
Benjamin Smith
James Harrison
Andrew Sigourney
Hoseaiah Hudson
Henry Burditt
Joseph Tucker
William Bentley.

Voted, that Andrew Sigourney Act as Secretary until
there shall be a regular choice of Officers -

Voted, that S^r Elisha Sigourney be a Committee to pro-
cure Swords for the Encampment.

Voted, that S^r Henry Fowle be a Committee to procure
the Jewels & Insignia of the Officers..

Voted that S^r William Bentley be a Committee to
procure Two Dozen Aprons.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned to next Friday
evening then to meet at this place at 6 o'clock ...

At a Meeting of the Above Knights, at Masons Hall
on Friday evening March 19th 1802 -

Voted, that we now Proceed to the choice of Officers
and the following Members were elected to the Offices
affixed to their respective names, Viz:

S^r Henry Hudson
Elisha Sigourney
Andrew Sigourney
Joseph Tucker
William Bentley

S^r Henry Fowle
James Harrison
Benj. Smith
Saml. Billings
Henry Burditt

Voted, that S^r Henry Fowle & William Bentley be a Committee to procure the Hall near the Market for the use of the Encampment & if it can be done at a reasonable price to engage the same. S^r Elisha Sigourney reported that he had procured Twenty Swords & Twenty three black Swords Belts, for the use of the Members of the Encampment, which report was accepted. Voted, that the Encampment be adjourned to Friday evening the 25th Inst. then to meet at this Place at 5 o'clock.

At a Meeting of the Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross at Masons Hall on Friday evening March 26th 1802

Present

S ^r Wm ^h Hudson	S ^r Henry Fowle
Elisha Sigourney	James Harrison
Andrew Sigourney	Benja ⁿ . Smith
William Bentley	Sam ^l . Billings
	Henry Burdett

S^r Henry Fowle reported, that the Committee appointed to procure the Hall near the Market, had attended to that business, & that they had agreed therefor, at the rate of Sixteen Dollars p^a Annum, provided it met with the approbation of the Members of the Encampment, whereupon it was Voted that the report of the Committee be accepted & that the next Encampment be held there.

Voted, that S^r Samuel Billings apply to S^r Robert Newman to attend & act as a Centinel for the Encampment.

Voted, that ~~was~~ the expenses of this & our former meetings be paid by the Members present which was done.

Voted, that the next Encampment be held at Masons Hall near the Market on Friday evening April 2^d 1802 and that this Encampment be now closed.

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy



At a Meeting of the Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Friday evening Apr^l 2^d 1802

Present.

S ^r Wm ^h Hudson	S ^r Henry Fowle
Elisha Sigourney	James Harrison
Andrew Sigourney	Benja ⁿ . Smith
William Bentley	Samuel Billings
Joseph Tucker	Henry Burdett

S^r Samuel Billings reported, that he had applied to Robert Newman to act as Centinel for the Encampment, and that he would attend, & do the duty the Encampment paying him what they should think proper, until his salary could be fixed. Voted, that S^r Elisha Sigourney be a Committee to procure a Green Curtain, & Red Cloathing for the Candidates, to be dug in who should apply for this Degree.

Voted, that S^r William Bentley supply the Encampment with such Refreshments & refreshers as are wanted.

Voted, that S^r Henry Fowle, Benjaⁿ. Smith, Sam^l. Billings & Andrew Sigourney be a Committee to form a Code of Laws & Rules for the Regulation of the Encampment.

Voted, that every Candidate who receives the Degree of Knight hood shall pay Ten Dollars therefor & every Knight admitted a Member of this Encampment shall pay Five Dollars therefor.

Voted, that S^r Joseph Tucker be a Committee to fitt the Chamber in the upper Story in such a manner, as to be fit to put the Arms &c. of the Encampment into.

S^r William Bentley reported, that he had procured the Two Dozen Aprons, agreeable to Vote of March 12th.

Voted, that Candidates applying for this Degree stand proposed One Month, except those bound immediately to Sea.

Voted, that the Encampment be closed, until Friday evening April 16th.

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy



At an Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held
at Mason Hall on Friday evening April 16th 1802.
Present.

S ^r Wm ^h Hudson	S ^r Henry Bowle M ^r S ^r
Elisha Sigourney	James Harrison M ^r & M ^r
Andrew Sigourney	Benjamin Smith
William Bentley	Samuel Billings
Robert Newman Gent.	Henry Burkitt

S^r Elisha Sigourney reported, that he had procured the
Certificate of Clothing agreeable to the Vote pass'd the 2^d Inst.
M^r S^r S^r Henry Bowle proposed, Companion Francis Hawth
wait, to receive the Degree of Knighthood this evening he being
bound immediately to sea, whereupon it was voted that he be
balloted for which was done & he was Unanimously Accepted
of the Degree confer'd upon him.

M^r S^r Proposed Compⁿ William Learned, to become a
Knight of the Red Cross.

Voted, that the Encampment be closed untill Friday
evening May 14th

Rec^d of S^r Fran^l Hawthwait ... \$10.00

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At an Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held
at Mason Hall on Friday evening May 14th 1802.
Present.

S ^r Wm ^h Hudson	S ^r Henry Bowle M ^r S ^r
Elisha Sigourney	James Harrison M ^r & M ^r
Andrew Sigourney	Benj ^a Smith
Joseph Tucker	Sam ^l Billings
William Bentley	Henry Burkitt
Robert Newman Gent.	

Compⁿ William Learned, was this evening balloted for and
Unanimously Accepted, of the Degree of Knighthood confer'd on him.

M^r S^r Proposed, Compⁿ James Wilson, Joseph Jones, Will^m
Bond, Nath^l Weld & Anthony Dumetil, as Candidates for
this Degree or Order of Knighthood.

M^r S^r Proposed S^r William Learned, to become a member
of this Encampment.

Voted, that all those who have Demands, against the Encampment
give in their bills to the Secretary to be laid before the members

Voted, that S^r Elisha Sigourney be a Committee to procure Green
Sashes, for the members of the Encampment.

Voted, that the regular meeting of the Encampment be on
the Wednesday evening next after the full of the moon in each
month

Rec^d of S^r Will^m Learned \$10.00

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Mason Hall on Wednesday evening June 16th 1802
Present.

S ^r Elisha Sigourney	S ^r Henry Bowle M ^r S ^r
Andrew Sigourney	Benj ^a Smith
William Bentley	Sam ^l Billings
Robert Newman Gent.	

Voted, that a Special Encampment be held on Friday evening
next, the candidates not having been informed of the alteration
of the time of meeting.

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Special Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Mason Hall on Friday evening June 18th 1802 -

Present.

- S^r West. Hudson
Elisha Siegmeyer
Andrew Siegmeyer
William Bentley
Winton Wilm. Learned
- S^r Henry Fowle M^r. Sov^r
James Harrison M^r & M^r
Benja. Smith
Sam^l. Willings
Henry Burditt
- Robt. Newman Cent.

Voted, that we now proceed to ballot for the candidates who have been proposed & hold the regular time, which was done and Camp^{rs} James Wilson, Wilm^l. Bond Nath^l. Weld & Anthony Dumont were unanimously accepted & Gov^r. Jones resigned.

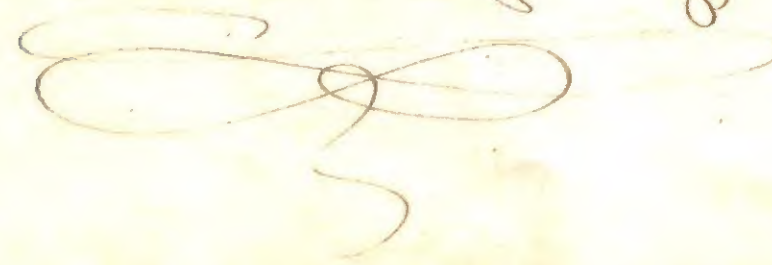
Voted, that S^r Wilm^l. Bentley be ill of supply be agreed on the members, & 69/100 was paid by each member present.

Voted, that the price of a sword belt & apron be five dollars and that each member pay that sum therefor, except S^r Henry Fowle & Samuel Willings, to whom it was voted, that they be presented with those articles from the encampment.

S^r William Learned was balloted for to become a member and Unanimously Admitted.

The Order of Knighthood was then conferred on Camp^{rs} Nath^l. Weld, Wilm^l. Bond & Anthony Dumont. They were then severally proposed by the M^r & M^r. to become members of this encampment.

Rec ^d . of S ^r Nath ^l . Weld	10..
William Bond	10..
William Learned	5..
for Agreement of members	6.. 21
	<u>\$ 31. 21</u>

Att. Andrew Siegmeyer Sec^y


At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Mason Hall on Wednesday evening July 25th 1802

Present

- S^r West. Hudson
Elisha Siegmeyer
Andrew Siegmeyer
William Bentley
William Learned
- S^r Henry Fowle M^r. Sov^r
James Harrison M^r & M^r
Benja. Smith
Sam^l. Willings
Henry Burditt
- Robt. Newman Cent.

S^r Nath^l. Weld, William Bond & Anthony Dumont were severally balloted for to become members & they were all Unanimously Admitted.

Voted, that the encampment be adjourned until the Wednesday next after the full of the moon in October next.


Att. Andrew Siegmeyer Sec^y

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Mason Hall, on Wednesday evening Oct. 13th 1802

Present

- S^r West. Hudson
Elisha Siegmeyer
Andrew Siegmeyer
William Bentley
Anthony Dumont
- S^r Henry Fowle M^r. Sov^r
James Harrison M^r & M^r
Benja. Smith
Sam^l. Willings
Henry Burditt
- Robt. Newman Cent.

The Committee Appointed in April last, to form a Code of Laws, for the regulation of the encampment, reported that they had attended to that business, and that the Laws they had Drafted, were ready for the inspection of the members, whereupon, it was Voted, that they be read, which being done, Article by Article, it was Voted, that they be accepted, & that the Secretary insert the same in the book of records, & that every member sign the same at the next Regular Encampment.

Att. Andrew Siegmeyer Sec^y


At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening Nov. 10th 1802
Present.

S ^r Elisha Sigourney	S ^r Henry Fowle M ^r . Secy
Andrew Sigourney	James Harrison M ^r . & M ^r .
Joseph Tucker	Benja. Smith
William Bentley	Henry Burdett
Anthony Dummeril	Wm. L. Hudson
Robt. Newman Cent.	

The Secretary reported, that he had not yet finished inserting the Bye Laws & desired further time which was granted. -

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening Dec. 15th 1802
Present

William Bentley Comm ^r	Henry Fowle M ^r . S
Joseph Tucker \$3	James Harrison M ^r . & M ^r . \$3
Henry Burdett M ^r . C	Benja. Smith 1 st . Cent. \$3
William Learned \$3.	Saml. Willings 2 ^d . Cent. \$3
Anthony Dummeril	Andrew Sigourney Secy \$3
Robt. Newman Cent.	

The Secretary reported, that the Bye Laws, was inserted in the Book of Record & ready for the members to Sign, whereupon it was voted that they be read & then signed by the members present, which was done.

Voted, that every member, be assessed three Dollars, to pay part of the expenses, due from the Encampment.

Voted, that S^r William Bentley be a Committee, to settle with Robert Newman for his services as Centinel, to the Encampment, to this date, and enquire upon what terms he will act as Centinel, distribute notifications, Open & shut, the Hall for the next ensuing, which he immediately attended to, and

reported, that for his past services, he would receive five Dollars, and that he would do the business required for the year ensuing at the rate of One Dollar for each and every evening attendance. which report was accepted. -

Voted, that we now proceed to the choice of Officers. and following were Unanimously chosen, to the office annexed to their respective names.

Saml. Willings M ^r . C	Henry Fowle M ^r . Secy
Wm. L. Hudson Capt. G ^r .	James Harrison M ^r . & M ^r .
Andrew Sigourney Secy	Benja. Smith 1 st . Cent.
William Bentley Com ^r	Henry Burdett 2 ^d . Cent.
Robt. Newman Cent.	Elisha Sigourney 1 st . M ^r . G ^r .

Rec. for Expenses. --- \$18 in

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening Jan^y 12th 1803

Present.

Andrew Sigourney Secy	Henry Fowle M ^r . S
William Learned	James Harrison M ^r . & M ^r .
Nathl. Weld	Benja. Smith 1 st . Cent.
William Bond	Henry Burdett 2 ^d . Cent.
Robt. Newman Cent.	Saml. Willings M ^r . C
Visitor	Wm. L. Hudson C ^r . G ^r .

The Encampment, being formed, the members went thro' the Ceremony of bagging knight & then closed.

Rec. of S^r Nathl. Weld - \$13 in

Att. Andrew Sigourney

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening July 9th 1803

Present

Andrew Sigourney Secy	Henry Fowler R S
William Bentley	Benja. Smith 1 st Genl
Anthony Dumont	Henry Turbutt 2 nd Genl
	Saml. Willings M C
Robert Newman Cent	Wm. Hudson Capt. G. M.

No business done this evening.

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Regular Meeting of the Knights of the Red Cross
at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening March 9th 1803

Present

Andrew Sigourney Secy	Henry Fowler R S
William Bentley	James Harrison M C M
Joseph Tucker	Benja. Smith 1 st Genl
Wm. Weld	Henry Turbutt 2 nd Genl
William Bond	Saml. Willings M C
Robert Newman Cent	Wm. Hudson Capt. G. M.

The Encampment being formed the brethren went thro
the ceremony of exalting a knight & then closed.

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red
Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening June 8th 1803

Present

Andrew Sigourney	Benja. Smith
William Bentley	Saml. Willings

Voted, that the Encampment be adjourned to the Wednes-
day next after the full of the second moon in Sept. next

Att. Andrew Sigourney Secy

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red
Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening Oct. 5th 1803

Present

Saml. Willings M C	Henry Fowler R S
Wm. Hudson C. G. M.	James Harrison M C M
William Bentley Comd	Benja. Smith 1 st Genl
Andrew Sigourney	Henry Turbutt 2 nd Genl
Joseph Tucker & William Learned C. G. M.	

Robert Newman Cent

Voted, that the following clause be inserted in the 2^d
Article of the Bye Laws, Viz^t That every candidate
exalted become a member, if he chooses, without any
other expense than the fee of exaltation, anything in
the 5th Article to the contrary notwithstanding, also that
the words, "if knighted in this Encampment, if not ten Dollars"
be erased from the 5th Article.

Voted, that S^r. Samuel Willings pay the bill for the use
of the Hall for the year & present the same at the next meeting
and that the Secretaries pay him & S^r. Wm. Bentleys bill
also any other demands against the Encampment, and have
his Account, ready for Adjustment.

Voted, that the next meeting of the Encampment be on the last Wednesday in December next.

Att. Andrew Siquiney Sec^y

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening December 28th 1863

Present

Andrew Siquiney Sec ^y	Henry Fowle - M. S.
William Bentley Com ^d	Benj ^a Smith 1 st Cent.
Joseph Tucker	Henry Purditt 2 nd Cent.
Robert Newman. Sen ^t	Saml. Willing, M. C.

Voted, that we proceed to the choice of Officers for the year ensuing, & the following Members, were elected to the Officer offices to their respective names, Viz^t

S ^r Wm ^d Hudson Com ^d C ^y	S ^r Henry Fowle M. S.
" William Bentley Com ^d C ^y	" James Harrison M. S. M.
" Olisha Siquiney M. C.	" Benj ^a Smith 1 st Cent.
" Andrew Siquiney Sec ^y	" Henry Purditt 2 nd Cent.
" Robert Newman Sen ^t	" Saml. Willing M. C.

Voted, that, S^r Benj^a Smith & S^r Samuel Willing be a Committee to audit the Secretarys Account, they immediately attended that business and reported that they found it right & correct and well vouched, and that there was a ball^d due the Sec^y of \$7⁰⁰ 40.

Voted, that the sum of \$7⁰⁰ 20 be assessed, on each member except the Lay M. Gen^t Com^d & Sec^y in order to pay the above sum due the Sec^y for money advanced by him, to pay the debts due from the Encampment, and that the above Assessment, with the Assessment of three Dollars paid last December, be repaid to them, and also the Assessment paid by the Lay M. Gen^t Com^d & Sec^y last Dec^r be repaid to them, as money may be received from

Candidates Exalted, anything in the bye Laws to the contrary notwithstanding

Voted, that S^r Samuel Willing, be a Committee to inform W^m. Thayer, that the Encampment have no further use for the Hall, and also to inform Camp^m Seth Johnson, that the Encampment will be held in Masons Hall at the Dragon Tavern in future.

Voted, that the Sen^t remove the Property of the Encampment to Camp^m Johnsons and see proper care taken of the same, Inventory of which is as follows: Viz^t two Trunks Cont^g 8 Swords, 10 Belts, 10 Aprons, Green Curtain, Frack & Trowsers, 1 Crown, 1 Sash, 2 Knives & Chain, 2 Decanters, 1 Pitcher & Bowl, 1 Mug, Spoon, Knife, Sieve & Lemon Squeezer, 1 Bucket & 24 Wine Glasses, a bundle box, 4 blocks & 3 bottles.

Voted, that the expenses of future meetings be assessed on the members present, and the absent members be assessed the same as those present.

Voted, that the next Encampment be held on the last Wednesday in March next.

Due. of S ^r Henry Fowle	7 ⁰⁰ 20.
" Benj ^a Smith	7 ⁰⁰ 20
" Saml. Willing	7 ⁰⁰ 20
" Henry Purditt	7 ⁰⁰ 20
" Joseph Tucker	7 ⁰⁰ 20
	\$30 ⁰⁰ 00. Appt.

Att. Andrew Siquiney Sec^y

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening March 28th 1804.

Present.

Andrew Siegurney C.M.D.	Henry Fowle M. S.
William Bentley Comd	James Harrison S. M.
S. ^r Joseph Tucker	Benj ^a Smith 1 st Cpt
William Seamed	Henry Furbitt 2 ^d Cpt.
Anthony Dumesnil	Sam ^l Willings C.M.C.
Robert Newman Cent.	Her ^l Hudson C. Cpt

Visitors - S.^r Joshua Eaton & S.^r Benj^a Cleason.

The Encampment being opened in due form, the Petitions
of Camps Thomas Jackson, Sn^r W. Hammatt, Edw^d Norman &
Robert Lark Jun^r for to receive the Order of Knighthood was
read, & they were severally ballotted for & unanimously accepted
and the Order of Knighthood was conferred upon them, after
which the Encampment was closed in due form until the
Last Wednesday in April next. Previous to which the S. M.
Proposed Camps Nath^l Brown & John Sweet, as Candidates
for the Order of Knighthood.

Rec. of S. ^r Tho ^s Jackson for the Order	10
" of S. ^r Sn ^r Hammatt " D ^o	10
" of S. ^r Edw ^d Norman " D ^o	10
" of S. ^r Robert Lark Jun ^r " D ^o	10
for 4 Swords, Belts Apron & Garter	30
for 11 Garters " at 2.50	27.50
for Affirmant this evening	7

Rec^d. during the closing of the Encampment \$104.50
in Dec. last the bal^l of Affirmant then paid 36

\$140.50

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening April 26th 1804.

Present

S. ^r Joseph Tucker	Henry Fowle M. S. & S. M.
William Seamed	Benj ^a Smith 1 st Cpt.
Thomas Jackson	Henry Furbitt 2 ^d Cpt.
Sn ^r W. Hammatt	Sam ^l Willings C.M.C.
Edw ^d Norman	Her ^l Hudson Capt. Cpt.
Rob ^t . Lark S ^r	Andrew Siegurney C.M.D.
Rob ^t . Newman Cent.	William Bentley Comd

The Encampment being opened in due form, the Petition
of Camps Nath^l Brown & John Sweet, to receive the
Order of Knighthood was read, they were ballotted for
and both unanimously accepted, & the Order conferred upon
them.

The S. M. proposed Camps Sam^l Abbot as a Candidate
for the Order.

Rec ^d of S. ^r Nath ^l Brown for the Order	10
" of S. ^r John Sweet " D ^o	10
for 2 Swords, Belts Apron & Garter	15
" for Affirmant for the evening	5.00
	<u>\$40.00</u>

At a Special Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Masons Hall on Saturday evening May 22nd 1804

Present

S ^r Joseph Tucker	Henry Fowle R.S.
Thomas Jackson	Henry Turbitt
Nath ^l . Brown	Andrew Siegurney
Edward Horman	Samuel Billings
John Swett	Her ^l . Hudson
	William Bentley

The Encampment being opened in due form, the Petition
of Campⁿ. Sam^l. Abbot, to receive the Order of Knighthood
was read, and he was balloted for & unanimously accepted and the
Order conferred upon him. — the Encampment was then
closed until ^{the last Wednesday in} September next, unless Order to be opened by
the R. S. previous to that time — previous to which S^r. Henry
Fowle Edw^d. Horman & J^{ts} Hammatt were appointed a committee to
audit the accounts of C. M. D.

At a Regular Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross
held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening Sept. 26th 1804

Present

Edward Horman	Henry Fowle
Nath ^l . Brown	Henry Turbitt
Sam ^l . Abbott	Sam ^l . Billings
John Swett	Andrew Siegurney
	John W. Hammatt

The Committee appointed to examine the Account of the C. M. of
Dispatches, reported, that they had attended the duty assigned
them, and found his Account correct, and a balance due him of
Fifteen Dollars Fifty three Cents, which report was accepted.

The Encampment was then closed until the last Wednesday in Nov^r.

At a Regular Meeting of the Members of the Encampment of the Knights
of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall Wednesday evening Nov. 28th 1804

Present

John W. Hammatt	Henry Fowle
Robert Lash	Andrew Siegurney
Nath ^l . Brown	Her ^l . Hudson
John Swett	Tho ^s . Jackson

Voted, that the Encampment be formed at this place on the
third Wednesday in Dec^r. next and that the choice of Officers for
the year ensuing be on that evening and the C. M. D. notify each
member thereof by sending him a special notification.

At a Regular meeting of the Encamp
ment of Knights of the Red Cross at Masons Hall on
Wednesday evening Dec 19. 1804

Present

Thomas Jackson	Henry Fowle, R.S.
Edward Horman	Henry Turbitt 1 st Gen ^l
Nathan Brown	Heretiah Hudson Cap ^t G ^d s
Samuel Abbot	Andrew Siegurney G. M. D
	William Learned

The Byelaws being read it was voted to proceed
to the choice of Officers for the year ensuing.

Voted that S^r. Nathaniel Brown be a Committee
to count & assort the votes.

The following members were unanimously elected
to the Offices affixed to their several names. Viz

Henry Fowle R.S. & M	
Thomas Jackson G. M. C.	Samuel Billings 1 st Gen ^l
Her Hudson Cap ^t G ^d s	Henry Turbitt 2 nd Gen ^l
Nath Brown Com.	Andrew Siegurney G. M. G.
William Learned H.	Robert Lash Jun. G. M. D
J B Hammatt	
John Swett	Guards

Voted that the By-Laws remain suspended until the meeting in January next.

Voted that to discharge the debts due from the Encampment, there be an assessment of 1:50/100 dollars on each member.

Voted that the past Grand Master of Dispatches inform Sir Robert Lash junr. of his election to that Office.

Voted that the Grand Master of Dispatches notify the absent Officers of their election.

At a regular meeting of the Members of the Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross, at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening January 16. 1805.

Present

Nath. Brown

John B Hammatt

Joseph Tucker

Henry Fowle

Henry Purkett

A Siggurney

R Lash junr

Thomas P Jackson

Sir Andrew Siggurney gave notice that Sir E. Siggurney had relinquished his membership.

Voted that the By-Laws remain suspended until the next meeting.

Voted that the next meeting be holden at Masons Hall near the Market, on the Wednesday next after the full of the Moon in March next.

Voted that the Commisary General remove all the furniture regalia &c to the place assigned for the next meeting, previous thereto.

Voted that the Grand Master of Dispatches procure notifications (blanks) previous to the next meeting.

Attest

Rt. Lash junr

At a meeting of the members of the Encampment at Masons Hall, north side of the Market house, on Wednesday evening Feb. 20. 1805

J B Hammatt Present

N Brown

W Learned

A Dumesnil

Edw. Harsman

H Fowle

S Billings

A Siggurney

R Lash jr

T P Jackson

No business done at this meeting.

At a meeting of the members of the Encampment at Masons hall, north side of the Market house, on Wednesday evening March 20. 1805

Present.

T P Jackson

N Brown

A Dumesnil

W Bentley

E Harsman

H Fowle

S Billings

H Purkett

A Siggurney

R. Lash junr

Sir Tho. P Jackson, E Harsman & H Fowle were appointed a Committee to revise the By-laws and report thereon at the meeting on the Wednesday next after the full of the moon in April next. to which time this Encampment stands adjourned.

Sir H. Purkett was appointed a Committee to confer with Comp.^m William Eaton to serve this Encampment as Centinel, after he shall receive the order of Knighthood.

At a special Encampment of the Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall on Saturday evening April 5. 1805

Present	Henry Fawle R.S.V.M.I.M
H Hudson Capt Gds	Samuel Billings 1 st Gen.
J B Hammatt.	Henry Purkett 2 ^d D
Joseph Tucker & Gds	Asigourney G.M.F.
Edw Horsman	Thomas Jackson G.M.C
Visitor	
Sir. Park	

The Encampment being opened in due form. Companion William Eaton was ballotted for Punani mously accepted, and this degree was conferred on him - He was afterwards appointed Centinel to the Encampment for the year.

At a regular meeting of the Members of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross, held at Masons Hall on Wednesday evening April 17. 1805.

Present	J Billings
E Horsman	Asigourney
H Hudson	T Jackson
R Lash jr	J B Hammatt
Wm Eaton, Centinel	A Brown

The By laws were read, as revised by the Committee, but there being so few members present, there was not a vote passed, respecting them - Adjourned to May meeting

Att (Lash junr) G.M.D

At a regular meeting of the members of the Encampment of Knights of the Red cross at Masons Hall near the Market on evening May 15. 1805

Joseph Tucker	M.S. H Fawle
Edward Horsman	H Purkett
Visitor	A Sigourney
Sir. Thomas Webb	T Jackson
	J B Hammatt

The Encampment received a Communication verbally, by Sir Thomas Webb, referring to a grand Encampment, which, from the expectation of being more fully informed thereon, was not taken into consideration

Companion Stephen Foster of Portland was proposed to receive the Order, by Sir Edward Horsman

Adjourned to the Wednesday evening next succeeding the full of the Moon in September next

Att. R. Lash jr. G.M.D

At a special Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross on Saturday evening June 8. 1805.

A Dumesnil	H Fawle M.S. & I.M
Joseph Tucker	A Brown 1 st Gen. 2 ^d D
William Eaton, Centinel	Edward Horsman 2 ^d Gen 2 ^d D
Visitor	R Lash junr G.M.D
Joseph Eaton	T Jackson G.M.C
	J B Hammatt Capt Gds
	Wm Learned Gd

The Encampment being opened in due form, the Petition of Companions Stephen Foster & William Cross to receive the Order of Knighthood was read, and having received the unanimous vote of the Knights present - the Order was conferred on them, after which the Encampment was closed in due form until the last lianes day next after the full of the moon in September next

Received of Sir Stephen Foster. 10- G.M.D
" of Sir William Cross 10-
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At a meeting of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross on Wednesday evening September 11. 1805

Present, Henry Fowler,
William Bentley
A Dumesnil
William Learned
Joseph Tucker
Samuel Billings
Henry Purkitt
Andrew Sigourney
Robert Lash Junr
Thomas P Jackson
Edward Horsman
William Learned

A communication from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in Providence was read.

Resolved, That for the good of the superior degrees of masonry in particular, and of the institution in general we deem it expedient that an encampment of Knights Templar be formed and opened in Boston

Resolved, that those Knights Templar who are members of this Encampment, be requested to confer the degree on such other members as shall be solicitous to obtain it.

Adjourned to next regular meeting

At R. Lash's

At a meeting of the members of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross. Wednesday evening Oct 19 1805. — there were present

Henry Purkitt
Andrew Sigourney
Thomas P Jackson
Joseph Tucker
A Dumesnil
Robert Lash Jr
William Eaton, Sentinel

There was not any business transacted, at this meeting.

At a meeting of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross — on Wednesday evening November 13. 1805

Henry Fowler. R.S. & M.S.M.
Samuel Billings 1st Genl
Henry Purkitt 2nd Genl
Andrew Sigourney G.M.F.
Robert Lash Jr. G.M.D.
Thomas P Jackson G.M.L.
Hesekiah Hudson Capt. Gds
Nathaniel Brown Com. G.
William Learned. Herald
E. Horsman
William Eaton, Sentinel

The Encampment being formed, Companion James Wilson received the Order of Knighthood — The Grand Master of Dispatches exhibited his account, which was accepted & is as follows —

Dr. Encampment of R.C. in account with Robert Lash Jr. G.M.D. — Co	
1805. To cash p ^d for notifications. 4	1805
" fees of Office. 3	June 8. By cash J. Foster — 10-
Nov. 13 " cash p ^d G.M. Finance — 23	" do — W Cross — 10
	Nov. 13 " do — J Wilson — 10
	30-
	30

The Encampment then closed in due form
At R. Lash's

At a regular meeting of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross on Wednesday evening December 11th 1805

Henry Hudson Capt. Gds Henry Fowler. R.S. & M.S.M.
J. B. Hammett 1st Genl
John Swett 2nd Genl
Joseph Tucker
Nathaniel Weld
Andrew Sigourney G.M.F.
Nathaniel Brown G.M.D. (P.T.)
Thomas Jackson G.M.L.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Officers for the year ensuing previous to which Sir Henry Fowler was chosen Grand Master — Sir Samuel Billings was appointed a Committee to collect, count & assort the votes. The following

Knights were elected to the respective offices affixed to their names. *Viz.*

Sir Henry Hudson Capt. Gds	Sir Henry Fowler R.S. & M.D.M.
Joseph Tucker Com. Gen.	Samuel Billings 1st Gen.
William Learned Herald	Henry Purkett 2nd Gen.
Joshua Hammatt Gds	Andrew Sigmourney G.M.F.
John Swett	Robert Lashburn G.M.D.
William Eaton, Sentinel.	Thomas Jackson G.M.C.

Sir Samuel Billings moved, that Sir Nathaniel Weld be an honorary member - which was consented to, by the Encampment, and Sirs Samuel Billings, Henry Purkett and Thomas Jackson were appointed a Committee to express to him this vote - Sir Weld then returned his thanks to the Encampment for the favour conferred on him. The R.S. proposed Companions Phillips to receive the order of knight hood in turn -

The meeting was then dissolved.
Attest Nathaniel Brown G.M.C.

At a meeting of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross on Wednesday evening January 8. 1806

Present	Sir Henry Fowler M.D.M. & R.S.
Sir A. Dumesnil	Henry Purkett 1st Gen.
Edward Horsman	A. Sigmourney G.M.F.
Herakiah Hudson	Robert Lashburn G.M.D.
Visitor Nathaniel Brown	Thomas Jackson G.M.C.
Sir Joshua Eaton	William Learned Gds
	W. H. Mason Capt. Gds

There was not any business at this meeting

Attest Robert Lashburn G.M.D.

At a meeting of the members of the Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross held at Masons Hall north side of the Market house on Saturday evening March 10. 1806

Present	Henry Fowler
William Bentley	Henry Purkett
Joseph Tucker	A. Sigmourney
A. Dumesnil	Robert Lashburn
Samuel Abbot	Thomas Jackson
Nathaniel Brown	Joshua Hammatt
	William Learned
	Benjamin Smith
	Edward Horsman

The members resolved themselves in Committee of the whole on the Question, "whether this Encampment shall be dissolved." Sir Benjamin Smith in the Chair.

After an address by Sir Henry Fowler, stating the reasons for dissolving, viz. that the right of forming an Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross was at first only assumed; and that it is now illegal to hold meetings, because there is an established Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, who cannot recognize us on the present principle of our Society: the Question was put, and obtained in the affirmative by a unanimous vote. -

On motion of Sir William Bentley. Voted that the members of this Encampment, present the Regalia Furniture &c belonging to them, to the Encampment of Knights Templar, which is holden at Boston; on condition however that the members of the former, who are now absent shall be entitled to their proportion of the cost of those articles, unless they shall agree to this vote.

Voted that the Secretary be requested to present the the Encampment of Knights Templar with a copy of the above vote - and a list of the names of the absent members.

Voted

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Voted That the books and papers belonging to the department of G. M. of dispatches be also presented to the Encampment of Templars with a request that they may be deposited in their archives.—

Voted. That the balance (after having paid the just debts of the Encampment) which shall be in the hands of the G. M. Finances, shall be given to William Eaton, as a compensation, in addition to what was agreed to be paid him for his services as Centinel.—

Voted that the thanks of this Encampment be given to Sir. Benjamin Smith for his good services as moderator of this meeting.—

Then the meeting was dissolved:

Attest Robert Lash Junr Secy.

Inventory of Regalia &c —

3 Trunks (1 cost) —	5. 00
1 Green Curtain	11. 43
Red frock & Trowsers	3. 62
Books — — — — —	2. 67
Brown Sceptre & marks	4. 50
3 Aprons — — — — —	3. 00
3 Baskets — — — — —	7. 50
3 Swords belts — — — — —	1. 50
7 Collars — — — — —	17. 50
7 Jewells — — — — —	35. —
	<u>\$ 91. 72</u>

Absent members

Samuel Billings
James Harrison.
Theokiah Hudson
John Swett

Article 1st

A Regular Concampment shall be formed at Masons Hall, the North Side of the Markets on the Wednesday Evening just after the full of the Moon ~~at~~ 6 o'clock P^m: except from April to September inclusive & during that time at 7 o'clock, so long as Twelve Members, shall continue to meet, & the four first Officers may Order an Concampment, to be formed on an Emergency, and if for the purpose of Creating a Knight, he shall defray the Expense.

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The Officers, shall be elected, Annually, at the Regular Meeting of the Concampment, in the Month, of December, by written Votes, and each Candidate must have a Majority, the Four first Officers, shall be a Standing Committee for the Year, whose Duty it shall be to Examine & Settle the Accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and make Report of the same at the Annual Meeting, and no Accounts against the Concampment shall be laid, unless signed by the Chairman of the Standing Committee.

every Candidate for 3rd Degree.

Any Companion, who may be desirous of receiving this Order of Knighthood, shall make Application in writing accompanied, with a Certificate Signed, by at least three ^{Knights} ~~Knights~~, Certifying that he has Attained to the 7th Degree of Masonry is a Man of a good Moral Character & Respectability he shall stand proposed One Month, at the expiration of which time, he shall manifest his knowledge, in the former Degrees, by giving Satisfactory Answer, to a Committee, which shall be appointed to examine him previous to his being balloted for, he shall deposit at the time of his Application Five Dollars with the Secretary (which if he is not admitted shall be returned) if admitted shall on being knighted pay Five Dollars, in addition to the Deposit, but, if the Candidate be bound immediately to Sea, he may after manifesting his knowledge in the former Degrees, to the satisfaction of the Committee, be balloted for, and if admitted and knighted, shall pay Ten Dollars to the Secretary for the Use of the Encampment.

4th

The Secretary shall insert the name or names of the Candidates or Candidates, on the notifications which shall be issued, one day previous to each regular Meeting and unless the names have been so inserted, no ballot shall be taken, nor then unless a majority of the existing members are present, hereafter & Country members excepted. Visiting Members, are those, who reside more than two miles from Boston.

* And be intitled to become a member, without any other fee any thing in the 5th Article to the contrary notwithstanding.

Any Knight, desirous of becoming a Member of this
 Encampment, must stand proposed one Month, his
 name, shall be inserted on the Notifications, previous
 to his being balloted for, and a Majority of the Existing
 Members (Seafaring ^{and Land} ~~and Land~~) must be present on the
 Occasion & if he obtain an Unanimous Ballot, shall
 Sign the Vow Law & shall pay to the Secretary for
 the Use of the Encampment, Five Dollars, ~~if he is not~~
~~in this Encampment, and Ten Dollars~~; when the
 Number of Members is complete, such as may be
 proposed, shall be continued on the books, and
 balloted for in rotation as Vacancies may happen.
 The Number of Members, shall not exceed Forty
 unless increased, by the Concurrence of Two thirds
 of the Existing Members.

Any Member, who shall, absent himself from three
 Successive Regular Meetings, shall be notified
 thereof on the fourth, by the Secretary ^{inserting} inserting
 the same on his Notification, & if he does not then
 appear, or send an excuse to the satisfaction, of
 the Members present, his name, shall be erased
 from the books.

Every Member Chosen, on a Committee, on business
 of the Encampment, and who accepts of his ap-
 pointment, shall duly attend thereto, at the time and
 place, appointed, by the Chairman, the first Mem-
 ber chosen, on all Committees, shall be the Chairman
 and shall notify the others to attend, and all Commit-
 tees appointed as aforesaid, shall make due report,
 at the next Regular Meeting, of their proceedings.
 The Expenses of all Committees, shall be defrayed by
 the Encampment.

That, the business of the Concampment may be conducted, with propriety every Knight, who has anything to offer, shall address himself to the Grand Sovereign or Most Excellent Master, no Knight, shall interrupt another when speaking; all disputes, shall be, determined, by the Sovereign, and Knights, present, and no member, shall disclose, the transactions of the Concampment, under Penalty of being expelled.

The Property of every kind, belonging to the Concampment, shall remain undivided, so long as Twelve Members, shall continue to meet.

To defray the necessary expenses of the Concampment every member, shall pay quarterly five Cents a Quarter and no member shall, suffer, his Quaterages to exceed Three Dollars & Seventy five Cents; and every Member whose Quaterages, shall amount to three Dollars, shall be notified thereof, by the Secretary inserting the same on his Notification, which shall be continued, untill it amounts to the above mentioned sum, and the Secretary shall inform the Concampment thereof, and the name of such Delinquent Member, shall be erased from the books in the presence of the Concampment. Each Visitor, shall pay for each and every visit after the first, the sum of Fifty Cents.

From 11th to

The Treasurer General shall receive all money belonging to the Encampment, from the hands of the Secretary giving him a receipt therefor, shall pay all accounts that are regularly signed by ^{one of} the ~~Chairman~~ of the Committee, as far as the money in his hand will enable him to; At the Annual Meeting he shall exhibit, a Just and fair Account, of all the monies received and paid, and shall deliver to his Successor in Office, the Balance remaining in his hands, with all other property intrusted, to his care, taking a receipt therefor; And as a Compensation, for his services, he shall be exempt from Quartersages.

Article 12th

The Secretary shall keep Just and fair Records of all the Proceedings of the Encampment, collect all money and pay the same over to the Treasurer Genl. whenever, he has in his hands to the amount of Twenty Dollars, shall furnish, the Chairman of every Committee, with a Copy of the Vote at their Appointment, shall issue Notifications, one day at least, previous to each Regular Meeting, shall keep a Regular List, of the Members, attending the Encampment; and at the Annual Meeting shall exhibit a fair Account of all the monies, received and paid, and also, the amount of Balances due from the Members; And as a Compensation for his services shall receive One Dollar ^{per month} ~~per month~~, for each Candidate, that shall receive, this Order of Knighthood, and be exempt from Quartersages.

The Commissioners, shall furnish the Encampment with, with such Stores and Attendants, as shall be wanted, and shall have the same, under their care, they shall exhibit their bills every quarter night and at the Annual Meeting shall render an account of all Stores in their Department, and for their Services, they shall receive Fifty Cents each, for every regular meeting they attend, and shall be exempt from Quarterages.

annual 14 June
All the members meet in May, the 14th
Comtee shall have power by a vote of the
of the Main Co. present to adjourn the
meeting to the 1st of June (assuming the same
proceeds as usual) on the 1st of June
the meeting shall be held at the same place

These Laws shall be read, at the regular meeting of the Encampment, in the months of December, March, June & September, and on no occasion shall be dispensed with, nor altered, unless by a committee chosen for that purpose, by a majority of the existing members - Seafaring members excepted

Name	Time of Admission	Time of withdrawing	Time of Forfeiture or Expulsion	Time of Death	Place of Abode
Henry Towle					
Saml Kipping					
B. M. M.					
Elisha Journeay					
Andrew S. Journeay					
James Addison					
Wm. Purkiss					
Hosea Hudson					
Joseph Tucker					
William Bentley					
William Leanne					
Sath. Wild					
Thos P. Jackson	March 23				
John B. Hammett	March 23				
Edw. Horsman	" 23				
" "	" 28				
Sath. Brown	April 20				
John Sweet	" 20				
Samuel Abbot	May 22				
Anthony Sumner					

Boston 19th Sept 1838

Dear Brethren and Companion

I am grieved very much to molest you with such mournful
request I brought my Family here in the latter part of
July and ben to work in Turners in north Cambridge
and had the promise of a steady shop and through treachery
I got this charged by a nother workman I came here from
Bangor in state of mein with my Famile and had
to Expent all my money to bring them here, and I had
to work for such low wages that I was not able
to lay up much in such a short time now I am about
out of work three weeks I ben a round everwhere and
can not find enny thing to do our my Family consist of my
wife and four children and now here I am without
any money Feinels wood coal Bread and in the most
Desperate state and need to be assisted and for all
I implor is imployment I dont care wot it is even in
mercantelis in groceries or Drygoods and most enny

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Nothing will come handy if I fail in this, so I am
in the greatest need to implore you for the love of God
and the love my Children do call me, my Dear Bombardon
I can give you my coat that I don't and would not im-
pose on you if your laws don't admit so I pray you all
to do something iniqually for me and I hope you will
not forsake your most humble Friend

Baron Blumenthal